

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The indication that claims 6, 11 and 12 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claim 6 has been amended into independent form by adding the subject matter of claims 1 and 4 thereto. Consideration and allowance of amended claim 6 are respectfully requested.

The specification and claims have been amended to make editorial changes therein, bearing in mind the criticisms in the Official Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification and claims and of the rejection of the claims under §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 10 were rejected as anticipated by ODA 6,034,369, claims 1-2, 4 and 10 were rejected as anticipated by JOST et al. 6,410,916, and claims 1-2, 4 and 10 were rejected as anticipated by AKIHIRO JP 2000-111397.¹ Further, claim 5 was rejected as unpatentable over AKIHIRO, claim 7 was rejected as unpatentable over ODA, JOST et al., or AKIHIRO further in view of TOMONARI et al. 5,426,412, claim 8 was rejected as unpatentable over ODA, JOST et al., or AKIHIRO further in view of KOSKINEN 5,589,689, and claim 9 was rejected as unpatentable over ODA.

¹ This reference corresponds to KAWAHARA U.S. Patent 6,441,372 which has been used to evaluate the relevance of this reference since the Official Action did not include an English translation of the Japanese application. If this U.S. Patent differs from the Japanese reference, it is requested that the Examiner point out those differences.

Claim 1 has been amended and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Amended claim 1 provides, among other features, that the shield member for shielding the second thermo-sensitive resistor against infrared rays includes both an infrared ray reflector film and an infrared ray absorbing member. This is shown, for example, in Figure 8 in which the reflector is film 22 and the absorbing member is visor 14.

Each of the applied references has been carefully reviewed, and this feature does not appear in any of the applied references. Each of the applied references uses a single shield member. There is no suggestion in any of the references to use both an IR reflector and an IR absorbing member, such as now claimed in amended claim 1. Accordingly, it is believed that amended claim 1 avoids the rejections of record and reconsideration and allowance of amended claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are respectfully requested.

In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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